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House Bill 743
Ways and Means

(Howard County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental
Affairs

Howard County - Board of Education - Elections
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This bill reduces the term of office for members of the Howard County Board of Education from six years to four years. The bill also provides for staggered terms among board members.

The bill is effective July 1, 2002.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Any additional administrative costs for the Howard County Board of Elections would be minimal and could be met with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Members of the Howard County Board of Education serve terms of six years. There are five board members, and each is elected from the county at large.

Background: The Howard County Board of Education is 1 of 13 elected school boards in Maryland. Members on 11 of the elected boards have terms of 4 years; only board members in Howard and Kent counties serve 6-year terms. Members on appointed school boards serve 5-year terms, except in Baltimore City where terms are three years.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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